



Emil Havas

EMIL HAVAS, 64, WAS CZECH EDITOR

Publisher of Newspapers in
Uzhgorod Dies—Championed
Democracy in His Country

Emil Havas of 315 East Eighth Street, a former newspaper publisher in Czechoslovakia, long identified with movements here to restore democracy in that country, died yesterday of a thrombosis in Mount Sinai Hospital, Miami Beach. He had been spending the winter in Florida. His was 64.

Fr. Havas, who was born in Carpatho-Russia, attended the Catholic gymnasium at Uzhgorod, capital of Carpatho-Russia, then the Protestant Law School at Presov. He began his newspaper career in 1911 as a reporter for a Presov newspaper.

Later Mr. Havas went to Budapest and worked with The Uj Szo and Uz Hirek until the Communist revolution caused the closing of the papers in 1919. He was sent to Carpatho-Russia by the Communists, but escaped to the section occupied by the Czechs.

After the treaty that ceded Carpatho-Russia to Czechoslovakia, Mr. Havas started daily newspapers, Uj Kozlony and Munkacs Kozlony, in Uzhgorod. A member of the Agrarian party in Czechoslovakia, he led these papers until 1938, when he emigrated to the United States. He wrote and lectured here in behalf of the Czechoslovak cause.

In 1942 Mr. Havas became a member of the biographical index department of The New York Times. In 1946 he was a part-time correspondent of The Times in Prague, and later a freelance script writer for Radio Free Europe.

He is survived by his widow, Elizabeth; a son, Zoltan, a member of the circulation department of The Times, and three sisters.

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